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Takes a Lesson in French Every Day. CLEVELAND, April 26 .- "I am not a candidate for Governor of Ohio, and I am not a candidate for United States Senator. I am not and will not be a candidate for any office that will take me away from the work of being Mayor of Cleveland until my term here is finished. That is positive and final. There is enough work to be done here and little enough time to do it in."

Thus spoke his Honor, Tom L. Johnson leaning back and swinging vigorously to and fro in his revolving office chair at his desk in Cleveland's dingy old City Hall. It was 6 o'clock in the evening. His Honor, fresh of face, bright and cheery of manner, was without a symptom that indicated the existence of any such thing as nerves in his anatomy, and that too at the close of a day's work and harassment and general officeseeking bedevilment that would have made an ordinary man feel like getting down to the lower depths of a well and remaining there. But it had not worried his Honor, Thomas L., by so much as the turning of a hair.

HIS EYE ON THE CITY COUNCIL.

And yet it was not the end of the day's work either. There was still a deal more of it to come. He had ordered his carriage for 6:30. He was going to spin swiftly up Euclid avenue to his home to dinne and be back in the City Hall again at 7:30 for at 7:30 the City Council meets.

There are historical instances to warrant the general proposition that City Counoils will bear watching. Mayor Johnson watches his. With his private secretary on one side of him and a representative from the city attorney's office on the other, he has a desk well up in front at the chairman's left and within close earshot of the reading clerk's pulpit. Up to date things have not got by him. It is not within the scope of his plans that things shall get by him. He is on his feet in an instant with a very smooth and ready argument to hold up, or sidetrack or refer here, there and elsewhere anything that he does not fancy or that in its outline has the remotest suggestion of a woodpile in which an unostentatious African might lurk. The Mayor may not vote at the Council meetings, but he may make speeches and bring the weight of his eloquence and influence for or against measures. That is precisely what Mayor Johnson has been doing at every Council meeting since he came into office. It is one of the things incident to being Mayor, and whatever else Mr. Johnson may have it view, there is one thing sure and that i he has set himself to the task of being Mayor of Cleveland with all the earnest-ness and energy that there is in him, and there is a lot of both.

THRONG THAT HAUNTS HIS DOOR. So this evening job was still before him as the sat beaming with good humor, and not a sign or a line in his face that so much as hinted at weariness or nerve strain from the uproar of work he had been through during the day. Out in the adjacent anteroom, out in the long corridor, reaching down the broad stairway to the door and out on the sidewalk to the very curb, there out on the sidewalk to the very curb, there was a wide and wandering sea of officeneckers. You could hear its tumultuous tide rumbling at the very door of the
room, locks and boits alone preventing it
from rushing in and inundating the inner
anctum itself. Mayor Tom knew he had
got to breast and buffet his way through carriage. It is one of the incidents of getting to and from his office every day. It does not bother him. He does not

conditions are different. The population is thin and the road runs out into the country, where it is still thinner. That might make a five-cent fare justifiable.

WHAT HE MEANS TO DO.

"Now as to what I mean to do as Mayor of Cleveland, I am not yet so well prepared to talk as I will be later on-a few weeks later, maybe. Things have not yet got settled down and I am too busy to say very much. But I will say one thing and that is that I have no crank ideas to work out. I am not going to be a freak Mayor. I propose, so far as I know how, to apply plain business principles to the administration of the Mayor's office. The injustice of the present methods of taxation is one thing I hope to see changed. I don't believe in taxing progress. I don't believe in taxing the rails and the rolling stock of that street railroad out there. I do believe in taxing the enormously valuable franchises they have. And there is such glaring injustice in the way the very franchise taxes are levied. Now as to what I mean to do as Mayor way the very franchise taxes are levied.

"Take the case of our local Cuyahoga Telephone Company, for instance. It has less privileges, gets less for its tax money than any corporation perhaps in the city. It is assessed at \$420,000. Yet there is the Lake Shore Railroad which runs the city of the company of the compa for miles along the lake front and through for miles along the lake front and through the heart of the city and it is only assessed at \$415,000. There you have the corpora-tion which gets the most from the city paying less in taxes than the corpora-

on which gets the least.
"I believe that can be easily changed.
will not take more than three or four terations by the Legislature in the laws to bring about a system that is more equitable. I want to educate the public generally able. I want to educate the public generally to a sharper appreciation of these glaring injustices. The only way I know to do this is by publicity. Before I was elected Mayor I set competent men to work making maps of the city by sections, maps that will show just what each parcel of property will show just what each parcel of property is assessed. There the giaring injustices and inconsistencies in the method of assessment will stand out so all can see them. It will be a plain object lesson. The work is going on now and will go on until it is completed. Then the maps will be hung up here in the City Hall where all can have access to them. Then people can see just what an unfair state of things exists. That is the publicity that is needed and which the beneficiaries of the present ways of doing things do not want. doing things do not want.

NOT A REPORMER.

"Now, I want to see an application of straight business methods in this matter straight business methods in this matter as well as in everything else connected with municipal economics. That is progress and progress is the thing that I am for. That is why I am not a reformer. Reform progresses backward. No, decidedly I do not intend to be a reform Mayor any more than to be a freak Mayor.

And speaking of the matter of the inequalities of taxtion again, the inequalities of taxtion again, the inequalities of the matter.

And speaking of the matter of the inequalities of taxation again, the inequality by no means applies exclusively to the disadvantage of the very small property owner. There was a case in point here the other day that I noticed where one parcel of property on Euclid avenue was assessed at \$3,500 s foot while the owner of it was trying his best to sell it for \$3,000 a foot, and couldn't. The parcel next to it on the other hand was assessed at 30 or 40 per cent of its value. That merely shows the slipshod slovenly manner of the assessors. The assessing is rushed of the assessors. The assessing is rushed through in such a hurry, for one thing, that it cannot be done with anything like the care it should receive. And that is where the large concerns have the little feilow at such a disadvantage. They can hire a lawyer at \$5,000 or more a year to stand over the assessors, while the little fellow can't hire anybody, and has to take his chances. And what chance has he got of being kept down to his just and due proportion in the face of such odds. "It is not the corporations as such against which there should be discontent. It

which there should be discontent it is against the conditions which enable corporations to enjoy such privileges as they do enjoy without paying for them. And what reason is there why the cities of Cleveland or New York should not own ertain franchises as well as others? Why should it not own its street railways as well should it not own its street railways as well as its pavements and water system? The talk about their being turned into a poli-tical machine is laughable to one who knows as well as I do what political ma-

there was talk of sending out and having it translated, but the Mayor said he thought he could read it and he did read it, and that day one of the evening papers here had a story about Tom Johnson being a French scholar.

TAKES PRENCH LESSONS DAILY. "Now, I did not intend to say anything about that," said the Mayor when asked, "but it is true enough that I did beginstudying French two years and a half ago and

ing French two years and a nail ago and have kept it up ever since.

"I began with the idea I would learn to speak it before I learned to read it and I did. The result is that I can understand it a good deal better than I can speak it, and I can speak it a good deal better than I can write it. But I keep pegging away at it all the time. I never miss my daily French lesson. Even during the thickest of the last campaign I did not miss a lesson. french lesson. Even during the thickest of the last campaign I did not miss a lesson I have a Frenchman in my employ and I study with him. He does a little secretary work for me. I dictate letters to him in French and after he has put them into real French for me they are first rate. Still I get along pretty well with it. The last time I was over in France I made my own way without an interpreter and that was some satisfaction. I have not got to reading French books, though, as yet.

"As to getting through my work, I don't let it bother me for one thing and don't take it home with me at night for another. When I get home I throw the whole thing off I belong to my family then. I do not get down to New York very often now, but I shall be there more after awhile, when I get things going that I have in mind to undertake."

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That Mayor Johnson is not without a touch of family pride is shown by the groups of ancestral portraits which adorn the wide and very handsome reception hall of his house in Euclid avenue. There is one portrait in particular which at once catches the eye of every visitor. It is that of a rosycheked, strong-faced old gentieman in a soft hat of the kind worn more in the South in ante-belium days than it is even now. No one has any doubt at first glance that it is a portrait of Mr. Johnson's father, for the resemblance is sufficiently marked. But, as a matter of fact, it is a portrait of Mrs. Johnson before she became Mrs. Johnson by marrying the present Mayor of Cleveland about the time he had finished with mathematics up to and including calculus, and had got a start in the street car business—that is to say, when he was about 20 years of age. Through several generations both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson go back to a common ancestor, and this might account for the curious cropping out of a family resemblance between Mrs. Johnson's husband and her father. The family, for that matter, is one that goes back into the colonial days through generations in which its men and its women were persons of forceful character who made their mark in their day and hour. Richard M. Johnson, from whom Mrs. Johnson is descended, was the whom Mrs. Johnson is descended, was the whom Mrs. Johnson is descended, was the property of the large of the l its women were persons of forceful char-acter who made their mark in their day and hour. Richard M. Johnson, from whom Mrs. Johnson is descended, was the ninth Vice-President of the United States.

A MARKED RESEMBLANCE. A MARKED RESEMBLANCE.

And speaking of resemblances, there is between Mayor Johnson and the late District Attorney Fellows of New York, a resemblance that is strongly marked, both in feature and in form.

Mr. Johnson is heavier and deeper chested than was Col. Follows, but the general

lution of purpose there is behind them; his neck is so short his head rests well down on his broad shoulders a thick-set rather paunchy man who weighs 225 or 230 pounds. His dress is as plain as his manners are amiable and easy. Black is, just now at least, his favorite color, even to his Derby hat. The only attempt at gayety in his attire is in the rather dingy dabs of color in the cravat he wears with his turndown collar.

knows as well as I do what political machines they and other franchise-owning concerns are now and always have been "But aside from that the readjustment of the taxes to a sound, fair basis is simply plain business common sense, and it is one of the things that I hope to see brought about here in Cleveland The assessing should be done in the most public way possible and with the same care and deliberations. In this turndown collar. There is one thing you notice and that is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when you take his hand it is not is that when the type of man naturally associate with the type of man have been. The late adventures of the Peerless in bareback acts of this kind were not of a nature to encourage an imitation performance, and Mr. Johnson is not above noting the direction of the political wind. Not that he is in the least tainted with the free silver craze, for he isn't. He is, and all the providence in the most public way possible and with the same care and deliberation. a little flabby hand and one that the paimists say means sentimentalism and the artistic temperament, whatever that may be. But when you get down to the substantial square-toed boots which cover the feet and are not strangers to the tops of doubt when his Honor sits down, you find

Senator, Senator Foraker's seat, which he would take, will not be vacant until 1903, and by that time Mr. Johnson's two-year term as Mayor will be at an end. Yet the disposition in Cleveland now is to believe that Mr. Johnson neither wants to be Governor nor Senator, that he is after the Presidency pure and simple and that he is shrewd enough to see that his individuality in a star part as a unique and brilliant administrator of municipal affairs would be much more impressive than if he were tucked "There don't seem to be no manner of use more impressive than if he were tucked away in the semi-clerical office of Goverswallowed up and more or less obliterated in the Senate

Besides the votes are in the municipalities now more than they are in the rural districts, as once upon a time not very long ago was the case. And of all cities in the country there is probably none where the opportunities for a grand-stand play of this sort are so good as they are in Cleveland just at this present time. Cleveland has grown at such a prodigious pace that it has not had time to throw off its overgrown village garments and put on the big city garb. Its equipment in this respect is absurdly inadequate. Its police force is so small in proportion to the size of the city that in many instances the residents of streets have chipped in and hired private watchmen to patrol the streets. In the same way business men have clubbed together to put up something like a sufficient number of street lamps. The streets are atrociously dirty and bedraggled. The place is filled with old ramshackle shells that long have been condemned, yet in the same way business were proposed. WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT? that long have been condemned, yet in the easy-going villageway have been allowed

PEOPLE ARE WITH HIM.

There is more municipal business on foot in a day than there ever was before in a month. Up to date he has got the people with him. Even the East End—which is to Cleveland what the West End is to London the silk-stocking East End, which is over-whelmingly Republican, voted for him and is giad of it. He has all the popularity Mr. Johnson is heavier and deeper chested than was Col. Fellows, but the general make-up of the two men is very similar particularly in the expression of the face. Smooth-shaven, with a round full face that is round enough and full enough to soften the effect of the strong square jaws. Tom Johnson, in spite of the hard knocks he has had and the flerce, aggressive battle for wealth he has made, has a youthful, almost boyish look, particularly in his moments of jovial outbursts, which are frequent. His hair is dark brown and curly with just a touch of gray beginning to make its appearance, his eyes are large and gentle without a hint of the grim resolution of purpose there is behind them; his neck is so short his head rests well down to the proof of sproyed shoulders—a thick-set of the strong square jaws.

other hand, there are many more who think that with the Presidency in his eye

"There don't seem to be no manner o' use a man tryin' to git through this here world with any credit to himself or to them as brings him up, 'thouten he has good religious trainin'." said old man Greenhut as he stood in the doorway of his saloon looking up and lown the main street with considerable inviety. "There's a good many right likely young men that fall down that way. They'll nebbe be all right every other way. They'll take their liquor like white men 'thout gettin' drunk any oftener than reasonable, an' they'll know how to take care o' themselves in a difficulty, even if they has to lay the other eller out a doin' of it, an' they'll play a good tiff game o' poker, an' vote the Democratic ticket regular, but somehow or other if they hain't had the proper religious trainin' they don't make a hit on it. They never accop the pot o' popularity among their fellow citizens, so to speak. There'll come some emergency, like enough, where there's strength of character called for, an' they in't there "There was Billy Maddox, that was born

n' brought up right in this town, an' stood good chance o' livin' hereto the end of his lays, an' dyin' rich an' respected when his ime come. It were a most conspicuous example o' what a man ain't, when he hain't been trained proper. Billy's principal shortomin' seemed to be that he had an overpowerin' sense o' the mutual obligations of other people to him, but no sense at all when it come to his mutual obligation to other people

"He were well liked, too, so fur as his soial qualities went, for he were a liberal pender, an' he could stand at the bar as nany hours a day as the next man. Bein' is he were a good storyteller, an' had a nearty way with him, people didn't catch n to his fundamental lack of religious prinicle, till the time came for some proper how o' character, an' then he used to stomp he cloven hoof of indifference all over the ender flowers o' friendship, an' spill the ull business in the soup.

"There was that time when them fellers ome here f'm Cairo reckonin' on tumblin the righteous pride of Arkansas City an' gettin' away with our resources in a series ' jackpots They do say Cairo has a good opinion of itself in the way o' draw poker, n' just naturally them Egyptians up there s jealous of Arkansas City's reputation. This time they'd made it up to send some their best players here an' see if they ouldn't make us a byword o' scorn an' regrouch among the river communities, stead bein', as we always has been, the champion own o' the valley in the line o' poker playin' n' other legitimate sports.

"They'd sent word to us a number o' times hat they was comin', an' we'd sent back ord for 'em to come as soon as they liked, ot somehow they wa'n't in no harry apparnerry over it Finally Jake Winterbottom. he got scornful an' he sent a powerful sassy message up by the mate o' one o' the boats. fired watin' an' the on'y way we can figger t out that keeps 'em so long,' he says, 'is

"'I understand, Brother Greenhut, that

the direction of the political wind. Not that he is in the least tainted with the free silver craze, for he isn't. He is, and always was, a Democrat of the hard money stripe. Insects about the 'unearned increment" and Socialist bugs are more in the line of what is believed to be secretly troubling Thomas.

HAS ADVERTISED CLEVELAND WELL.

But about one thing there is no shadow of doubt, and that is that he has done more of doubt, and that is that he has done more in the says, 'my salary is not a very large one, an' is party of which holds over until afti of visitors here from Cairo soon' there bein' a party of which holds over until afti of superment of which holds over until afti of superment (and him I'd heer'd somethin' about it myself, an' he says, 'if they do come, as you seem to think. I reckon there'll be some card-playin' goin' on while they're here'

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that maybe they're some consarned about how they're goin' to get home again. Tell 'em,' he says, 'that we'll take up a collection after the game an' raise money enough to pay their fare back on the next boat.'

"We uns reckoned there wasn't much doubt but that Jake's message would fetch 'em all right, an' there was consid'able talk around town for the next two weeks. One mornin' I was up to the market buyin' my meat, an' I met Parson [Broadbent there a buyin' o' his meat. The parson says 'good mornin', pleasant as usual, an' then he says.

The Cairo sports, they said they'd come to broke up.

The Cairo sports, they said they'd come to play poker, but the way things was they to play poker. But the was they to play poker the then'd go on down the river and they down the vive and they down the way in the play poker. Still another of the States to hold an election this year will be New Jersey, in which a successor to Gov. Voorhees will be New Jersey, in which as they can t in the latter.
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Except the very poor, there are few among the inhabitants of the little hamlets who have not a nest egg of bright, yellow American coins set aside for some emergency Before the disastrous bank failures in the